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HOUSE OF LORDS

WHEN the British Government introduced its proposals for reform of the House of Lords three main subjects were emphasised. They were the payment of expenses, the creation of life peers, and the admission of Indians (women in the draft Bill) to the House—that last stronghold of male supremacy in Britain.

Much progress has been made in the last few weeks, although little publicity has been given to the deliberations. A brief cable last week, however, recorded that the Bill has passed its committee stage, was now to enter the report stage and will probably reach the House of Commons early in February.

The prejudices of the traditionalists in the original debate in the Lords found their champion in Lord Airlie, but there was little in the arguments he advanced that could be viewed as a serious challenge to the Government's proposals. Those arguments were undoubtedly pursued in the committee stage but there is no indication that they met with any greater success or led to any material amendment.

Accepted

IN the absence of reports to the contrary it seems that invasion of the House of Lords by peers has been accepted and that the acceptance will be endorsed when the Bill reaches the House of Commons. But the two other main issues are certain to have a prominent place in the lower house debate.

New life peers, especially those coming from the Labour Opposition, will be able to maintain regular attendance in the present scale of expense allowance of three guineas a sitting during session, or a maximum of £315 per year. It is obvious that the present allowance is inadequate and remuneration for peers more akin to that appearing in the Commons must be seriously considered.

As in the Lords debate, the creation of more life peers will be a vital issue in the Commons. With increased membership drawn from people who have already made their mark in their own generation, the House of Lords would be able to serve the country more expertly and in a wider field in the future. Hence the importance of the financial aspect of the life peerage problem.

SIX IRBM SQUADRONS FOR EUROPE

First Steps In A Matter Of Weeks: Norstad

New York, Dec. 22. The United States is planning to station between six and 10 squadrons of Intermediate Range Ballistic Missiles in Europe as a result of the decision by the countries of the North Atlantic Alliance to accept these missiles in principle.



GENERAL NORSTAD
Contribution To The Deterrent

POPE'S SPEECH TO RUSSIA JAMMED

Vatican City, Dec. 22. The Pope's Christmas broadcast today was jammed on the frequency "most likely to be heard clearly in the Soviet Union," a Vatican spokesman said here today.

This was the 21 megacycle channel used by one of the Vatican City's shortwave transmitters. Partial jamming was also reported on the nine megacycle transmitter, while the 15 and 11 megacycle transmitters appeared to be clear. The Pope's Christmas message was broadcast direct to the Soviet Union and Communist China for the first time over the Vatican's new shortwave transmitters, among the most powerful in the world.—China Mail Special.

Reads Lesson

Sandringham, Dec. 22. The Duke of Edinburgh, tonight, read one lesson at an annual carols and lessons service at the parish church here near the Royal country home.—Reuters.

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MYSTERY DEATH IN PARKED CAR

Glasgow, Dec. 22. An 18-year-old girl, her childhood sweetheart of the same age and a 39-year-old married man were found shot dead today in a parked car here. The girl, Joyce Melville, lay with her head on the shoulder of John Hallie, a Scottish television advertising executive.

He was slumped over the steering wheel. In the back seat was the body of James Wands, who had known Joyce since they were children and was on leave from the army. A revolver was found on the floor of the car. Friends said tonight that James planned to marry Joyce—

an employee of the television company and part-time model—when he left the army. Police said they were not looking for anyone in connection with the three deaths. Hallie was described as being married to a Peruvian woman but separated from her.—China Mail Special.

British Reaction To Russia's Seven Point East-West Resolution

London, Dec. 22. The statements on East-West relations made last week before the Supreme Soviet by top-ranking Soviet leaders will be taken into account when Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, answers Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin's letter, probably at the beginning of January, sources close to the Government stated today.

It is expected that the seven-point resolution approved by the Supreme Soviet will be handed to the Western Powers, in which case these points will also be taken into account in Macmillan's

speech in Moscow as to the views on the calling of a Foreign Ministers' conference and the drawing up of its agenda.

The sources said that reports reaching here did not clearly indicate that Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, had rejected outright the proposals for a Foreign Ministers' conference.

It is considered that the Foreign Ministers' conference of the five countries, members of the United Nations Disarmament sub-committee,

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On the resolution of the Supreme Soviet itself, British Government circles' views are

reserved.

★ The proposal to ban atomic tests on January 1, 1958, cannot be considered, because of short notice, and chiefly because the West believes the halting of production of fissile material for military use must go with it.

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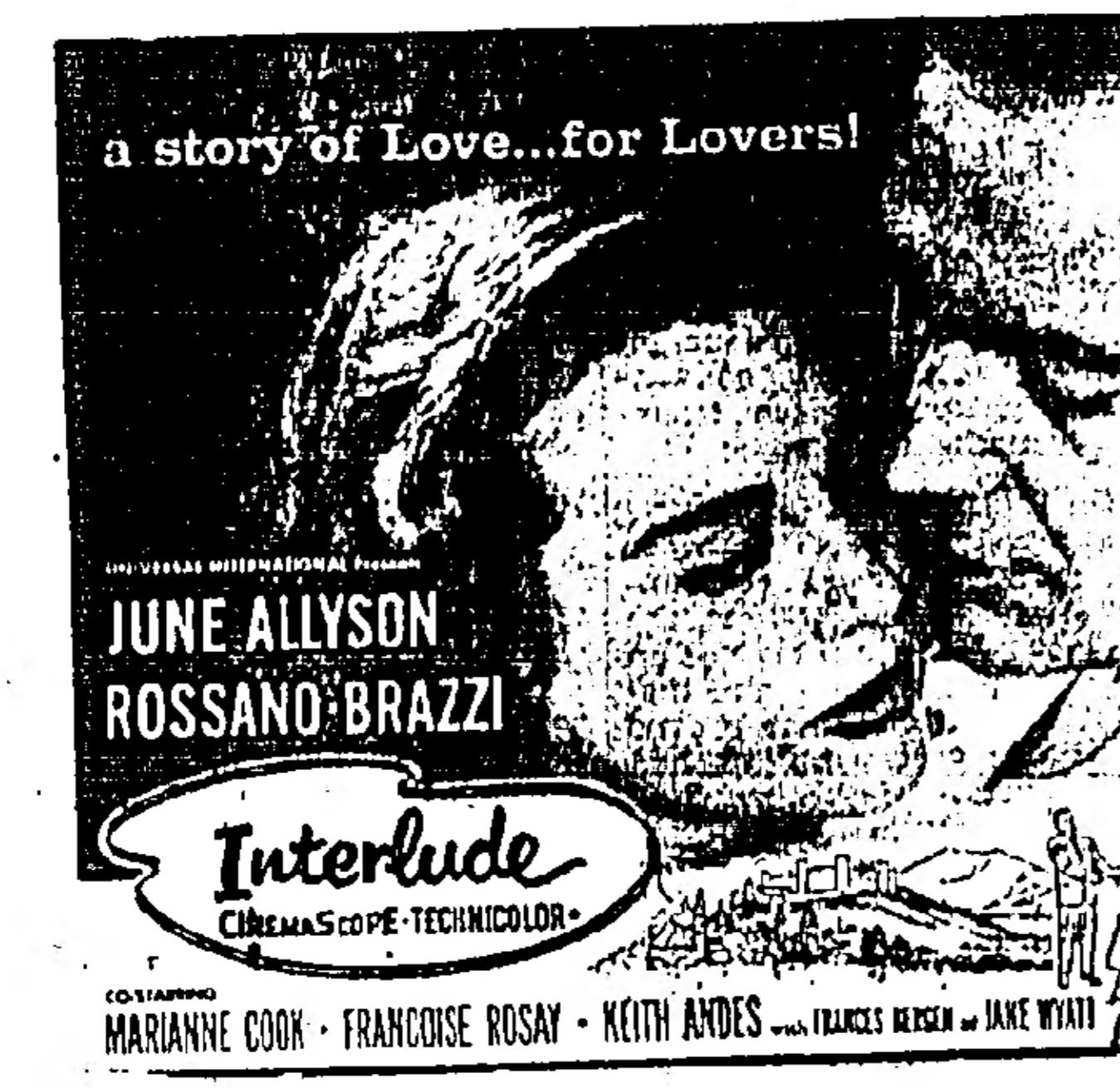
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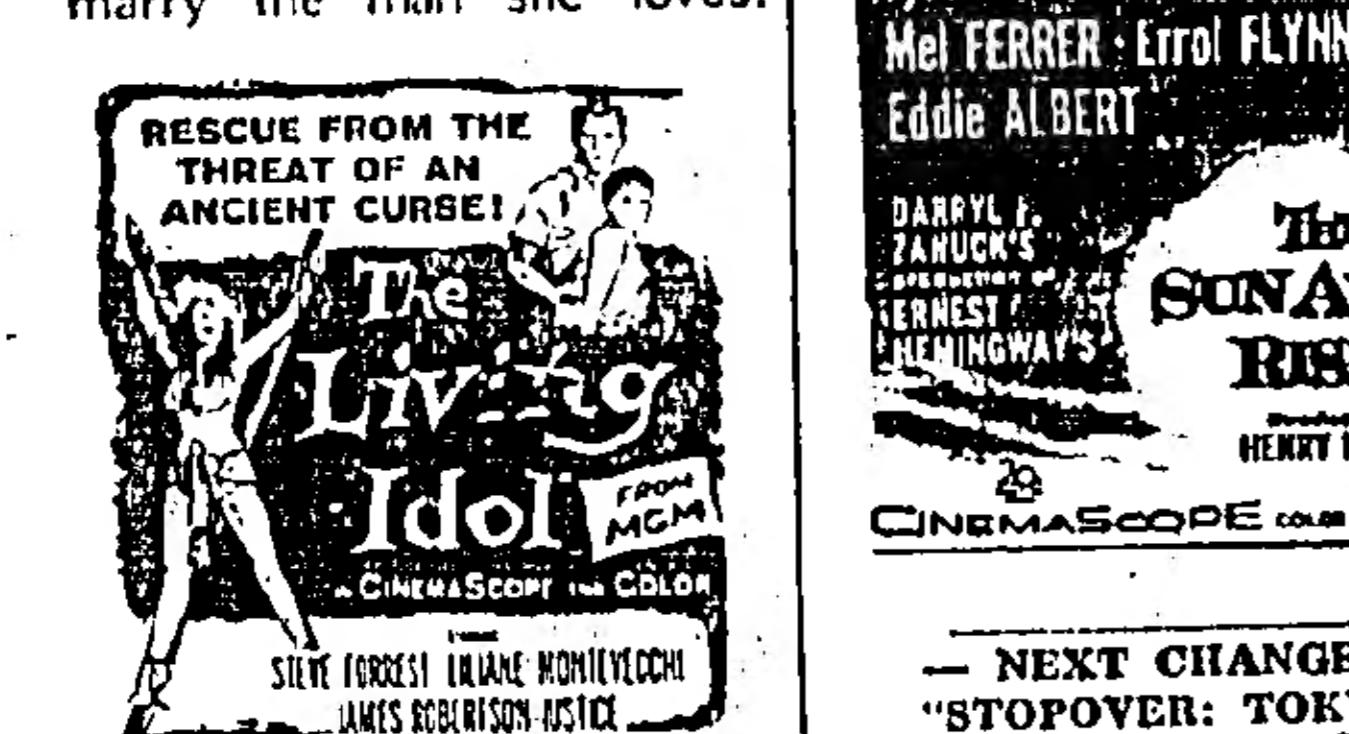
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BRITAIN HAS SAVED THE POUND BUT . . .

Paris, Dec. 23.— Britain has saved the Pound at a cost to her industry, the 17-nation Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) said in a report published today.

"The United Kingdom economy is now in a better state of balance than for some time past and speculative pressure on sterling has now ceased," it said.

CHOU EN-LAI REMEMBERS THE OLD DAYS

Paris, Dec. 22.— Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai attended a reunion with more than 70 of his old comrades-in-arms in Shanghai today and talked with them of the May 30 movement and the armed uprisings in Shanghai 30 years ago, the New China News Agency reported.

The Premier asked his old comrades-in-arms to tell the younger generation the stories of the heroes who fell in the earlier struggles and the hard fight they themselves had experienced.

"Let them inherit the revolutionary tradition of the Shanghai workers, break through all difficulties and build up a Socialist society," he said.

The Premier added that the Chinese working class, under the leadership of the Communist party, would certainly find the way to attain still more world-shaking achievements if young and veteran workers, and all the rest of the people were united.—France-Presse.

Bus Tragedy

Santiago, Dec. 22.— Twenty-one people died and 31 were injured, many seriously, when two buses were involved in a head-on collision 40 miles east of here today.

The Health Ministry ordered two helicopters to carry blood plasma to the San Antonio hospital.—Reuter.

SLEEPLESS FOR FOUR DAYS

Bloemfontein, Dec. 22.— Mr. F. W. Gercke, 24-year-old master of arts and history student, won a local stay-awake competition which he equalled the South African record of 88 hours.

He stayed on for an extra

unofficial hour to chat to friends.

He said he would soon try

to break the world record

"wakathon" of 100 hours.—China Mail Special.

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'Any Interference Will Be Dangerous'

Indonesia Warns The Dutch Again

*We're Not Helpless,
Declares
Sastroamidjojo*

New York, Dec. 22. All Dutch interests will be forced out of Indonesia unless the Netherlands surrenders its hold on West New Guinea (West Irian), the Indonesian Ambassador to the United Nations warned today.

The Ambassador, Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, told a nation-wide television audience that "if the Netherlands stand on the West Irian does not change, the government and people will say there is no place in Indonesia for Dutch interests."

He defended actions taken thus far against Dutch enterprises and Dutch nationals.

"If part of your country has been seized by another country," he told his panel of questioners, "you would act as we have acted—maybe worse."

He also hinted that compensation for seized Dutch properties will be hinged on resolving the dispute over West New Guinea.

Dr Sastroamidjojo denied that recent seizures of Dutch property in the islands constituted nationalisation. He said the properties were taken over by Indonesian employees as a result of popular resentment against the Netherlands.

Control

The government assumed control in a "supervisory capacity," he said.

He said that if the properties are ultimately nationalised, Indonesia is prepared "in principle" to discuss compensation. "But that depends on so many things—it depends entirely on settlement of this dispute over West Irian," he added.

Dr Sastroamidjojo cautioned outside powers against intervening in the dispute.

"Any interference by Western countries would invite other big countries to come in, and that would create a dangerous situation," he said.

He appeared only lukewarm on a suggestion that the United States attempt to mediate the dispute.

"Mediation would mean negotiations, and the acceptance of mediation would depend on the chance of getting negotiations," he said.

The West New Guinea dispute is purely a political question, with no place for such side issues as economics and ethnology. The area has

always been regarded as a part of Indonesia, he said.

Asked about cultural and ethnic differences between the United States and West New Guinea, Dr Sastroamidjojo replied: "We are the negroes in the United States, the same as white Americans." The U.S. would be split into many parts if race was the factor determining nationalhood.

He also brushed aside suggestions that the wishes of the West New Guineans be determined by a plebiscite.

"If we adhere to the principle of a plebiscite, it also infers that we favour a plebiscite for other parts of Indonesia," he said.

Dr Sastroamidjojo conceded that eliminating Dutch guidance from Indonesia will impose a hardship on the nation's economy, but denied that it will bring chaos.

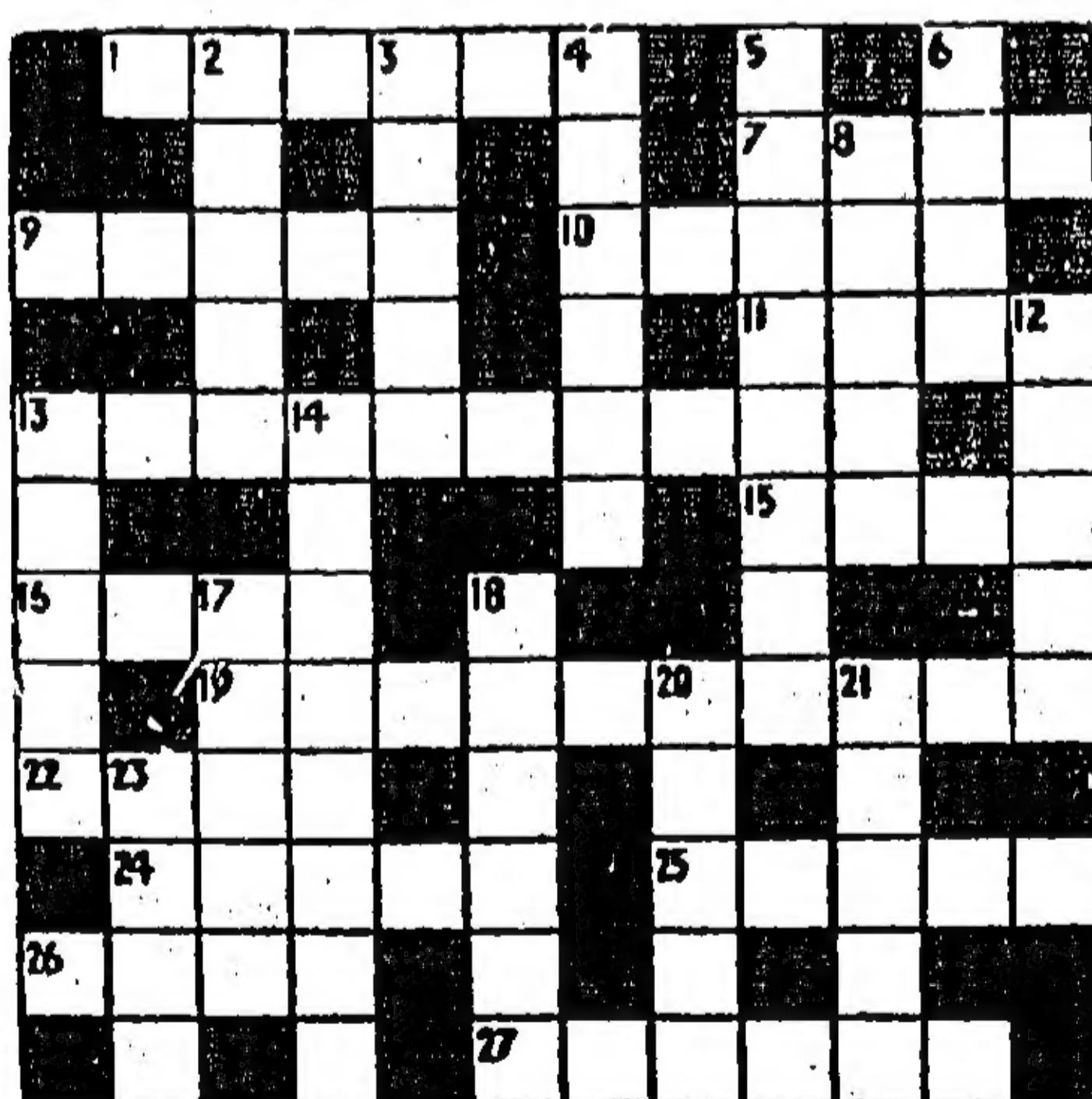
"Indonesia is not helpless," he said. "There will be hardships, but we are very confident that we will overcome them."—United Press.

'Liz Taylor Out Of Hospital'

Hollywood, Dec. 22. Elizabeth Taylor left the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital here today after her appendicitis operation last Tuesday. She was smiling and showed no effects of the operation.

Mike Todd, her husband, who escorted her to her car, told reporters: "This will be her last time to the hospital."—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Sufferer for a cause (6).
2. Happy thought (4).
3. Miller? (3).
10. Scotch party (3).
11. Present in cane (4).
18. He's having a go (10).
19. Travel in the IoT? (4).
20. That Gaile dash! (4).
21. No VIP, this cleric (5, 5).
22. Transported (4).
24. Being split, many deported (5).
25. Nationality (5).
26. Famous last word (4).
27. Take ill, but not go sick (6).
28. Being split, many deported (5).
29. Scarlet (3).
30. Scarlet, 13 Holl, 23 Numberl, 27 Centre, 39 Wrolo, 30 Errand, 31 Dresy, 32 Eatn, Down: 1 France, 2 Aroa, 3 Exile, 5 Papa, 6 In-step, 7 Leored, 9 Lenard, 11 On side, 12 Venture, 18 Once, 19 Varlet, 18 Hig-a, 20 S-how-ed, 21 Merge, 26 Roast, 28 Laden, 23 N-E-W-W-S.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1. Frame, 4. Uphill, 8. Scarlet, 12 Leyant, 14 Convne, 17 Bese, 18 Inaid, 20 Scarlet, 23 Holl, 23 Numberl, 27 Centre, 39 Wrolo, 30 Errand, 31 Dresy, 32 Eatn, Down: 1 France, 2 Aroa, 3 Exile, 5 Papa, 6 In-step, 7 Leored, 9 Lenard, 11 On side, 12 Venture, 18 Once, 19 Varlet, 18 Hig-a, 20 S-how-ed, 21 Merge, 26 Roast, 28 Laden, 23 N-E-W-W-S.

'OPERATION DEEP-FREEZE'



A member of the United States Navy's Task Force 43 is seen reflagging the trail from the Little America Station to the scientific base at Marie Byrd Land in the Antarctic. The U.S. Navy is supporting the U.S. participation in the International Geophysical Year.—Keystone.

Peasants Prepare To Fight The Yellow River

Tokyo, Dec. 22. A massive assault by millions of peasants on China's greater water menace, the Yellow River, was forecast on Saturday as the nation's top river experts closed a conference in Peking.

The upper reach of the Yellow River, known for centuries as "China's Sorrow," would be the main area of water control and soil conservation work during the next five-year plan, Chen Cheng-jen, reported.

Chen, director of the Water and Soil Conservation Committee of the State Council, said that with reforestation, grass protection, dams and small reservoirs, the River could be made to serve the people instead of extracting a heavy toll in perennial floods.

OTHER PROJECTS

In addition to work on the Yellow River, Chen reported, other projects would be carried out on the Hailuo River in the North, the Yangtze and Huai in Central China, the Pearl in the South and the Liao and Sungari Rivers in the Northeast.

The plan for the next five years, Chen reported, was the first of two successive five-year plans during which the Chinese hope to bring more than two-fifths of 1,440,000 square kilometers (555,984 square miles) of land now subject to soil erosion and water loss under control.—United Press.

La Rochelle, Dec. 22. France's oldest goose, "Cocotte," died peacefully at Marsilly today after 30 years of untroubled existence.

Despite her age, "Cocotte" laid 23 eggs this year.—France-Press.

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Simonetta, 18 Months, Will Have Happy Christmas—In Gaol

Verona, Dec. 22. Santa Claus wears prison garb for 18-month-old Simonetta Armellini. This youngest inmate of Verona's grim gaol has melted the hearts of the murderers, thieves, rapists, swindlers and prostitutes she calls "aunt" and "uncle."

The convicts have turned toy-makers and given up cigarette money to make this a "fabulous Christmas" for the little girl who does not realise she is in gaol.

Simonetta came to live in a barred cell recently with her mother, Gina, who was sentenced to nine years for swindling. Italian law will allow the 30-year-old convict to keep her child with her until Simonetta is two. Then Simonetta will be sent to an orphanage.

From the first morning the sandy-haired infant toddled down the cold prison corridor, she was "piece" to each of the criminals at whom she peeked curiously through the bars.

"A little child like that should have all the milk she wants," one convict said from behind his bars.

Father Pietro Cesana, the prison chaplain, said three murderers, five thieves and two swindlers gave up their daily rations of milk to supplement Simonetta's.

Simonetta has been given the run of the cell block corridor where her mother lives in a

cell painted with cheerful colours on special orders from Minister of Justice Guido Gonella.

Prison guards also allowed the infant to amble through other cell blocks occasionally. The guards said a threat of suspension of Simonetta's tour became the best disciplinary weapon against her "aunts" and "uncles."

One day Simonetta returned from a walk in town with some nuns and told the inmates about a fairyland of toys in Christmas shop windows.

The convicts began fashioning a foot-high Christmas tree of tinfoil to stand in Simonetta's cell. They worked with even greater care on their cell-made toys and hid them away to present to the child on Christmas day.

One convict proposed a collection to buy Simonetta other gifts and the others contributed \$100.

"It's a huge sum for them," Father Pietro said. "It came from cigarettes and even bread they gave up for Simonetta."—United Press.

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TODD TRIES AGAIN

Hollywood, Dec. 22. Hollywood producer, Mike Todd, who gave a party for 18,000 guests in the Madison Square Garden stadium, New York, last October and found himself entertaining nearly 50,000, is planning a new party to be celebrated at each guest's own home on champagne and food sent by Todd.

Todd felt that the Madison Square Garden episode fell far short of social success. The purpose of it was to launch the film "Around The World In 80 Days."

Minor incidents occurred, including the selling by waiters of Todd's champagne to guests at \$10 a bottle.

The new party will celebrate the first birthday of the film, Todd plans to send each "guest" a basket containing six bottles of champagne, the making of a festive supper, a note on how to serve the champagne correctly, an album of specially recorded music by a 100 piece orchestra and a request that his health should be drunk.—France-Press.

THE SPACE AGE

Berlin, Dec. 22. East German fashion specialists have created a "Sputnik" tie.

The ties are red, sporting a blue globe circled by two antenna-studded Sputniks.—United Press.

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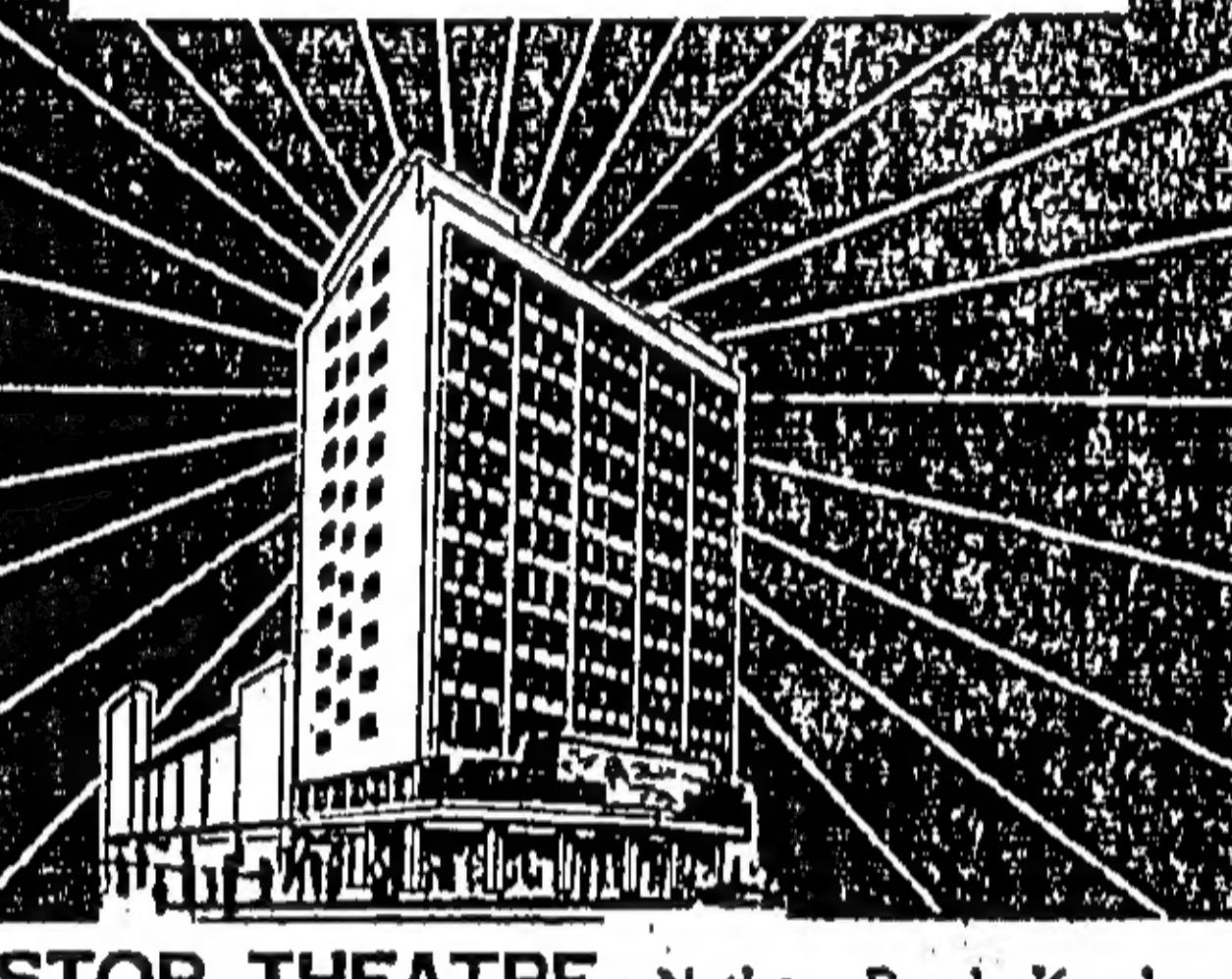
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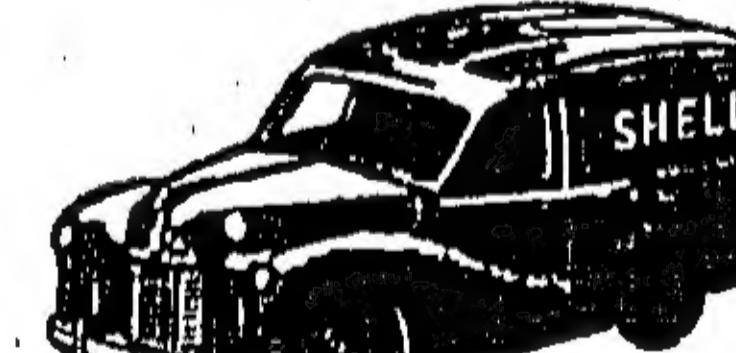


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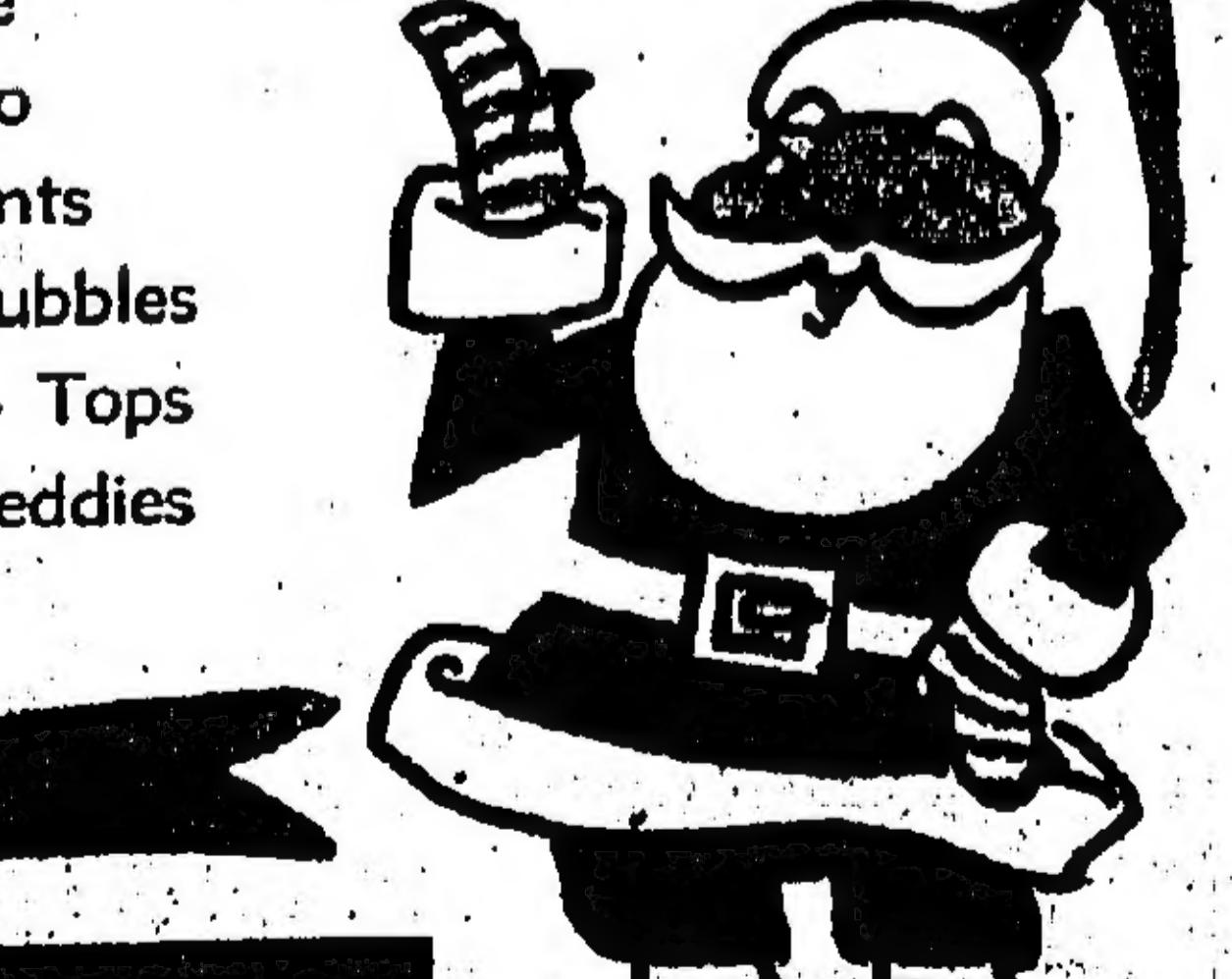
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The Day Christ was Born

Continuing the dramatic hour-by-hour account

by GEORGE GALE

"WHAT does truth mean?"
Pilate was to ask 33 years later of the man who now lay still unborn inside Mary on the Bethlehem slope.

Pilate did not wait for an answer; no answer may be possible; Jesus did not give it then. There is mystery in all things, in ordinary birth, in love, in beauty, in faith; there are no simple explanations.

There is a mystery locked in Mary's womb as she waits, heavy, patient, weary.

In the mind of Joseph, too, are restless questionings. In the minds and imaginations of thousands of Jews around these hills, and in the further hills of Galilee to the north, are prophecies and portents, unnamed dreads and fierce hopes.

The land was soft, but as I have said, not the people. That year, in the Galilean hills that Mary and Joseph had left a few weeks earlier, outlaws had grouped themselves under a man called Judas of Galilee. They bided their time.

Three years later they were to raid Sepphoris, capital of Galilee, and equip themselves with weapons.

It was here, among these outlaws, and among the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, who helped them and fed them, that they remembered most strongly that this was the land of Israel; and that out of it would come a Messiah, an anointed one, a son of David, who would deliver the country from foreign oppression.

Joseph and Mary belonged to these hills. Joseph was not one of the outlaws; he had his trade, but they knew, both of them, the history of their race, and they believed in the preserved saying of the prophets.

They knew, too, as all did, the distemper of the times. Doggers' hands stretched out from tattered rags at each street corner.

No one was secure from robbery. In all these towns and

villages, low-built agglomerations of houses clutching the sides of hills, disease ran. Men were blind, deaf, dumb; were lopers; were epileptics and paralytics.

The deliverer would come; the deliverer would come from Galilee.

"Hear ye now, O house of David; is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?" wrote in the prophet Isaiah. "Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The Jews waited for another Joshua, a Messiah that is, for a new Jesus and a Christ. And on the hillsides this winter day outside Bethlehem, Mary rests with Joseph, and about her is his cloak.

Matthew tells us of Joseph; Luke tells us of Mary. The two stories do not add together; the truth cannot be deduced out of their accounts, but the faith can; the belief can.

Let Joseph think of the story

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BUSMEN WON AS THEY PLEASED
Kowloon Motor Bus 8, Army 1 !!!

KMB . . . 8, The Army . . . 1!!! That's how the scoresheet read at the end of this game which was played before a big crowd at the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon. Let me assure you that but for the heroics of McNicol in the Army goal the scoreboard at the end would have looked like a brilliant first wicket stand at Chater Road.

The Busmen won as they pleased. They were never in the slightest danger and they coasted to an immaculate victory against an Army side that was too poor to be true.

They were poor not only in ability but also, strangely enough, in fighting spirit and many of the players had thrown in their hands long before the end. They played negative football, right from the start and but for the magnificent first-half goalkeeping by McNicol they would have been in an utterly hopeless position long before the interval.

The goalkeeper saved several shots that seemed certain to land in the net and two spectacular leaps to divert a thundering drive from Lau Kai-shu and Lau Chi-lam and another to tip a curling lob by the later player over the bar had the crowd cheering their heads off. What a pity the wonders achieved by the man in the bright green sweater could not coax his teammates out of their gloom and despondency. The soldiers were a feeble lot and the margin of their defeat in no way exaggerated the superiority of the KMB boys. If anything it erred in the opposite direction.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG
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Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race meeting 1957/58 to be held on Wednesday 1st and Saturday 4th January, 1958, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretariat's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 24th December, 1957.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

To be absolutely fair however, let me take you behind the scenes of this game and into the Army manager's sanctum. The side was beset with an accumulation of major team problems. Full-backs Lau and Lamb had both sailed for the United Kingdom. Henderson had been ruled tight out as completed unfit, several players who had been earmarked for promotion to the senior side were also unfit, and, based on recent form, changes were badly needed in the forward line.

These were the facts that were generally known, but on top of all that there were also grave pre-match doubts about the fitness of centre-half Cawley but, so pressing were the other problems, it was decided to take a chance on the big pivot.

It was a calculated risk that failed to pay off. Cawley had a shooting game and belied the confidence which the HKFA had placed in him by nominating him for the Number Five shirt in the Hongkong Selection side to face Wacker FC in ten days time. In spite of his height he was beaten several times in the air... and as KMB centre forward Lau Kai-shu netted five of his side's eight goals the centre-half's failure to control the middle of the field is underlined in the most graphic way possible.

Cawley was not the only failure in the Army side. Both of the debutant backs will remember their initial run-around for a long time. They played much too square to the line of attack and left a great gap in the middle whenever Cawley moved, left or right. Poole worked like a Trojan and is the only soldier—apart from McNicol, of course, who escapes criticism. He did everything that one man could possibly do to pull something out of his colleagues... but, alas, it was a thankless task.

Erstwhile Skipper

The Interport Selections must have blushed to the roots of their hair as they watched the respective right halves in action. On the one side they had Tang Sum, craggy Colony skipper, playing a brilliant game as though he wanted the selection to see what they had missed when they left him out of the Hongkong team which they picked a few days ago. On the other side and playing badly was Mendun, the man chosen to fill the right half position in the All-Hongkong side.

This was just about the soldier's worst game of the season. He never tamed Lam Kam-long and his distribution was surprisingly poor; to crown everything he was the direct cause of two goals against his side.

If the Army defence was weak it is difficult to find the right term to describe the forward line. It is doubtful if they caused the KMB defence to raise a sweat during the whole 90 minutes and in the same time they did not produce one sustained combined movement that was worthy of a goal. Tagoe, temperamental and irascible, could have made almost the same contribution to the proceedings from a seat in the stand. Unless the bell was rolled on to his boot he apparently did not think it wasn't for him. In fact the only time he roused himself during the course of the game he scored a goal in the second half.

It is hard to find anything good to say about this inept attack. McDowell worked as hard as he always does and in the opening stages it looked as though Cumming would make a success of the inside right.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby

COOK, DAVE! I'M HOME

Hello, no meal ready—no table set

DARLING, WHERE ARE YOU?

UPSTAIRS DRESSING

NO, WOULD YOU LIKE ME

TO TAKE YOU OUT TO DINNER TO-NIGHT?

DARLING, HOW DID YOU GUESS

I'M PSYCHO

Yesterday's
Athletics

By "RECODER"

The general standard at the HKAAA Second Open Athletic Meeting of the current season at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill yesterday morning was fairly good, in fact much better than one could have looked forward to with so many of the established stars no longer with us.

There were no really outstanding performances, even by local standards, with the exception of a high jump of 8 feet 11 inches by Lau Din-yeo who thus established his own Colony record.

The standards in the runs were not bad. In L/Bdr. D. W. Needham (RAF-Mount Davis) ran 100 Metres Dash in 11.2 seconds; 200 Metres in 22.2 seconds; 400 Metres in 42.4 seconds; 800 Metres in 1:31.4; 1,500 Metres in 4:23.2; 3,000 Metres in 10:16.2; 10,000 Metres in 30:16.2; 15,000 Metres in 45:16.2; 20,000 Metres in 59:16.2; 25,000 Metres in 74:16.2; 30,000 Metres in 89:16.2; 35,000 Metres in 104:16.2; 40,000 Metres in 120:16.2; 45,000 Metres in 135:16.2; 50,000 Metres in 150:16.2; 55,000 Metres in 165:16.2; 60,000 Metres in 180:16.2; 65,000 Metres in 195:16.2; 70,000 Metres in 210:16.2; 75,000 Metres in 225:16.2; 80,000 Metres in 240:16.2; 85,000 Metres in 255:16.2; 90,000 Metres in 270:16.2; 95,000 Metres in 285:16.2; 100,000 Metres in 300:16.2; 105,000 Metres in 315:16.2; 110,000 Metres in 330:16.2; 115,000 Metres in 345:16.2; 120,000 Metres in 360:16.2; 125,000 Metres in 375:16.2; 130,000 Metres in 390:16.2; 135,000 Metres in 405:16.2; 140,000 Metres in 420:16.2; 145,000 Metres in 435:16.2; 150,000 Metres in 450:16.2; 155,000 Metres in 465:16.2; 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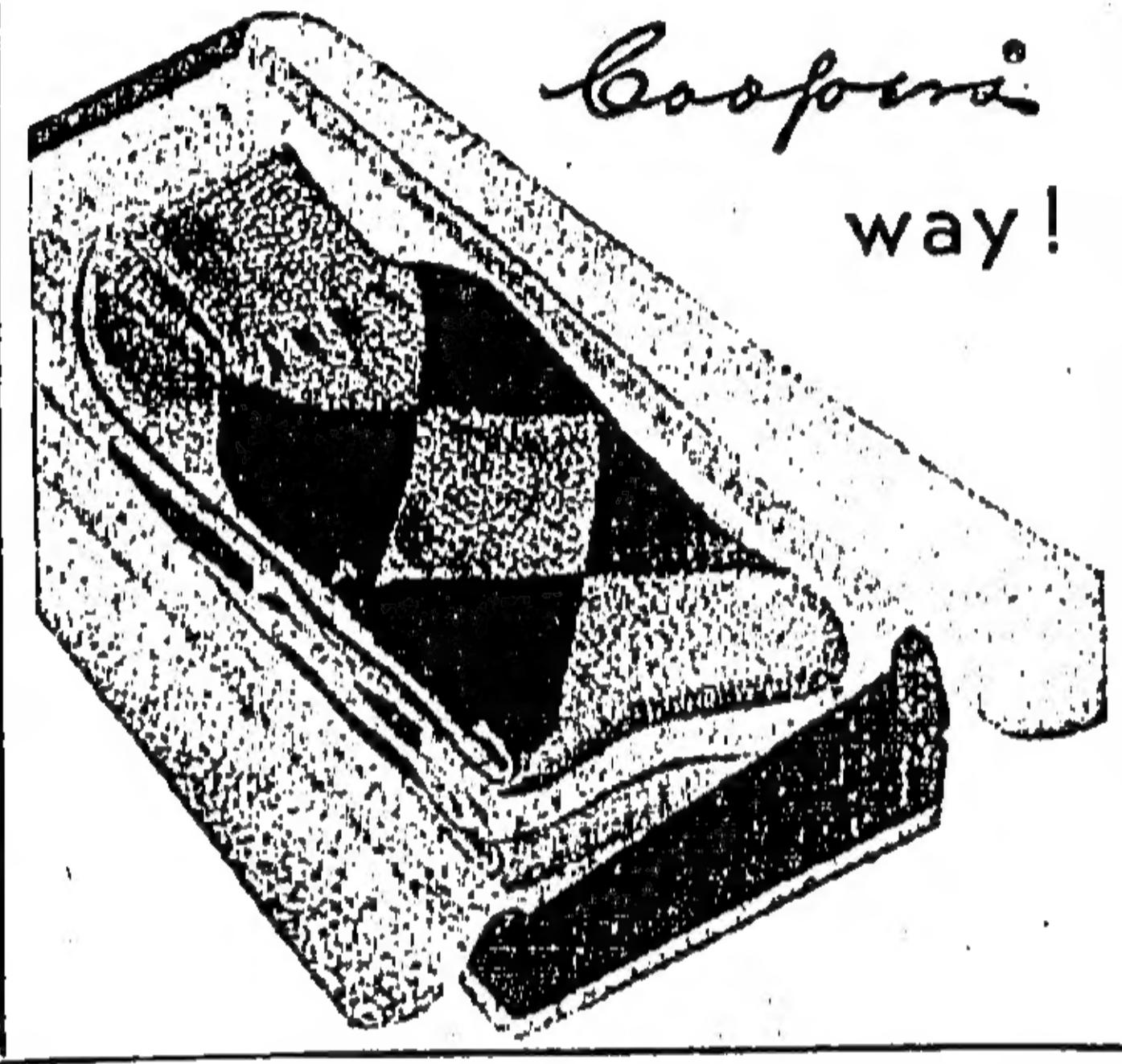
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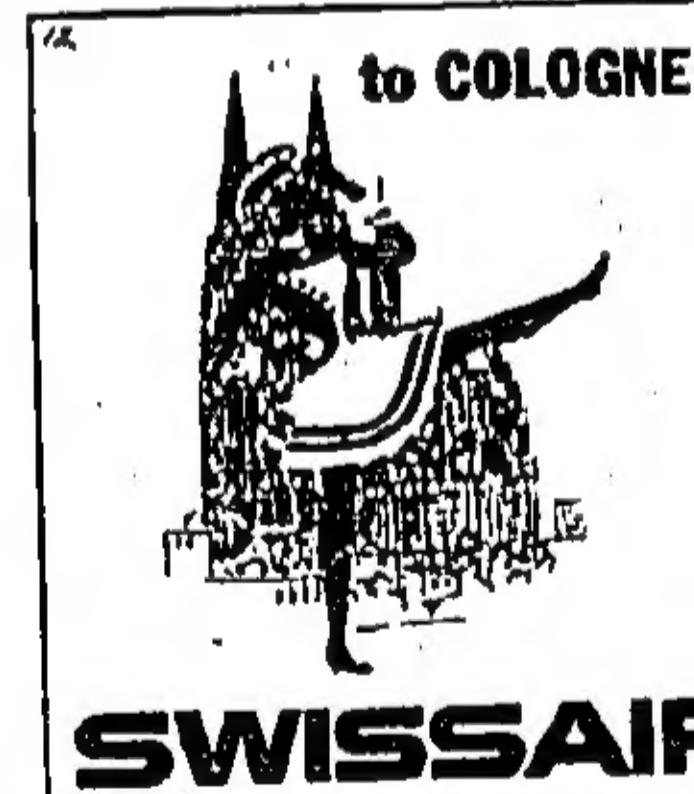
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"PAK LO" ON SATURDAY'S RUGBY NOT IN A LONG TIME SUCH A SUCCESSION OF SURPRISES

Never for many a long season has there been such a succession of surprises on the rugger fields of this Colony as there was on Saturday. Club "B" take pride of place with their "impossible" feat, for, playing a far better brand of rugby than they have all season, the Club "B" humbled Garrison in a hard and exciting match by 9 points (3 tries) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try).

On the other side of the harbour, Club "A" humbled and humbled their way to a com-

pletely undeserved win over RAF Mainland, with O'Kelly just saving the Club's "face" by converting two penalty goals to make the final score: Club "A" 6 points RAF Mainland 3 points (1 try).

The Police, making the positional switch suggested in this column on Saturday, gave 48 Brigade the fright of their lives, and Brigade were extremely lucky to go away with a draw of three points each.

Navy, the favourites, also fell with a crush to RAF Island by 18 points (3 goals, 1 try) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try), the result favouring the Islanders who did not deserve to win by such a large margin.

These surprising wins make only one positional change in the Tournament Table with RAF Island leap-frogging over 48 Brigade to third place, whilst Club "B" magnificently win puts Club "A" well into the un-

clear, for it is extremely un-

likely that Garrison will play

off their outstanding matches.

How They Now Stand

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Club "A" 11 1 0 2 18 16

RAF Island 12 2 0 0 4 12 16

48 Brigade 10 4 0 0 6 12 16

Police 12 2 1 0 9 13 16

RAF Mainland 8 1 1 7 3 18 3

Club "B" 11 1 1 9 3 18 3

Club "B" v. Garrison

To have never won a single game all season and then to beat one of the strongest teams playing in a very large feather in the cap of every member of the Club "B" side, and they fully deserve the appellation "Giant Killers".

Garrison were perhaps not at maximum strength, but were near enough to make no difference, but against this "B" side they were completely out-

closed. The Club "B" threees passed

perfectly, and the Club

forwards gave the Garrison

little of the ball.

The Garrison threees would

hardly have seen the ball at all

had it not been for Child

driving mightily in the line-

out.

Sleward was outstanding and

Heath found openings in the

Garrison defence, left, right,

and centre.

Kirkwood at full back was

magnificent, and a special word

of praise goes to Kilvert who

seems at last to have found his

true position, in the centre of

the threees.

Squires played a reasonable

game for Garrison, but his threees

never settled down, and it was

not until it was too late that

Garrison came into the picture.

Police v. 48 Brigade

Police switched Risch to fly

half and Lloyd to the centre of

the threees before the game started.

The result was astonishing.

Risch took Lelliott's passes

which could have been com-

pletely bettered, time and

again, and though he was not

able to get moving very fast

with Lelliott's slow throwing,

he still moved his threees into

action.

Not was this all, for the

Garrison threees, contrary to all

expectations, seldom dropped a

pass. Not that their passing

was good, but somehow every

Police three took his passes

like an International.

Club "A" v. RAF

The Club must thank their

forwards for really saving the

day, for though slow in the

loose, they took possession in all

of the lineouts and 70 per cent

of the scrums, thus denying the

ball to the RAF threees.

With anything resembling even

remotely a back division, the

Club would have won easily, but

behind the scrum were seven

button-fingered men so poor

that they could never be designated as players, who dropped

passes in every direction, who

never covered up, and who

never except twice in the whole

game looked dangerous.

O'Kelly stood still and dum-

med his way into the arms

of the hard going RAF threees,

while behind him Cheone and

Dalglish tumbled so much that

it was impossible to tell what

Inglis and Cooke were like, for

they never got the ball.

Ross, Staunton and Whiteley

did their best in the forwards,

but they were on their own,

RAF without the ball did not

get a chance to shine to any

great extent, but they kept try-

ing, and their threees, while slow

off the mark, in fact most of

them stopped to receive a pass

and then ran on—did at least

handle the ball and were quick

in the loose.

The RAF wing forwards were

in fact too quiet and were often

offside round the scrum, but the

referee seldom saw them.

RAF Island v. Navy

This was a scrappy game,

with Navy winning 80 per cent

of the scrums, sharing the line-

outs and getting nowhere in

the loose. Both teams handled

badly, and only the players

did well, Hitchings and Watt

for the Islanders, and Thomas,

far and away the best forward

on the field, for the Navy.

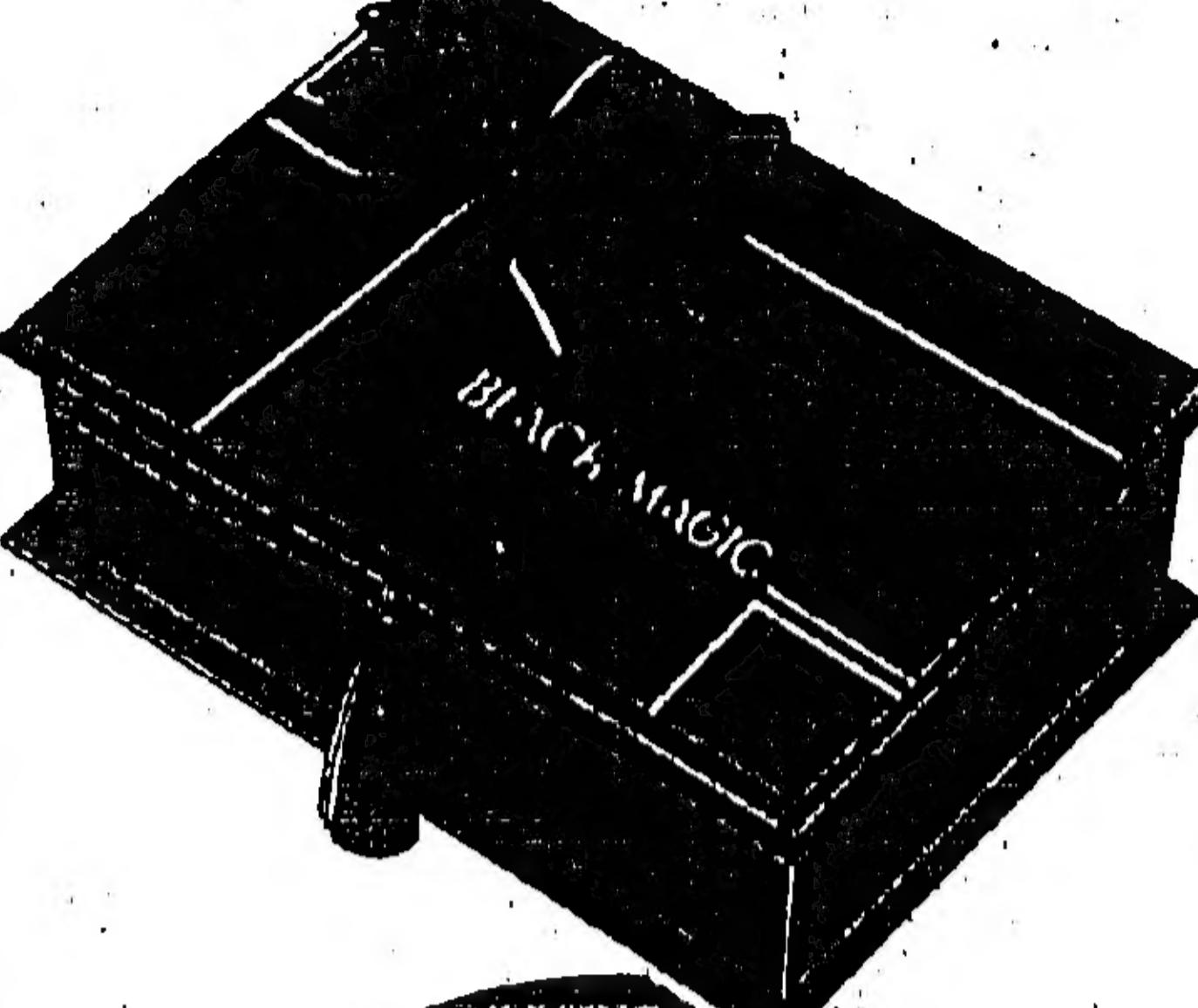
SOFTBALL

The review of the week-end's

Softball League matches by

"Time Out" appears on page 8.

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Blazing The Trail Overseas

By SIR RICHARD COSTAIN

London. British engineers and contractors are playing a great part in raising the standards of life in vast areas overseas. Civilisation tends to be associated with a country's manners, culture, diplomacy, judicial system. But, on reflection, it will be appreciated that, in part at least, it has more material origins.

The engineer is not less inspired than the artist because his medium is different. The contractor and his men, hewing rock or pouring concrete in some steaming jungle, or driving their earth-moving machinery in the heat of the desert, play their part.

Civil engineering projects are not always executed in tropical climates. There are cases when cold, not heat, is the enemy and others where tide or flood are the contending elements. Civilisation marches hand in hand with the pioneering work of civil engineers, and progress and industrialisation are mere pipe-dreams until roads, railways, ports, harbours, power stations, oil refineries and an immense variety of other constructional projects have been created.

VALUE

The value of the contribution made to the national economy by contractors lies in the purchase of British plant, equipment and materials for development projects overseas and in the fact that their success improves the prospects of other British exporting interests. They blaze the trail in underdeveloped countries and establish a British way of living and thought which improves the trading prospects of their compatriots. Since the end of the Second World War, British contractors, in spite of a considerable programme of works in the United Kingdom, involving war damage repair, open-cast coal production, construction of oil refineries, chemical plants, power stations, hydroelectric schemes and, more recently, atomic power stations, have expanded their activities overseas in an impressive manner.

Before the war few British contractors worked overseas. They started from scratch in 1946; but in the twelve months ended March, 1956, 55 contractors working in 42 countries executed work to the value of £87,000,000 and obtained new contracts to the value of £108,000,000. In many countries, such as Canada, the Rhodesias, West Africa, Australia, and the Middle East, contractors have formed subsidiary or associate companies which are carrying out a continuous programme and establishing a solid base for further development.

CREDITABLE

This is a creditable performance, more particularly when a thought is given to the unsettled political situation in so many underdeveloped countries in the post-war period and how extremely susceptible contractors are to changes in the political climate of the countries in which they are working. The figures mentioned represent a considerable advance on those for the previous year and there is no doubt that, given more stable political conditions abroad and the support their efforts merit as the spearhead of other trading interests, British contractors have a still greater potential.

The most striking advance in the volume of work in the past year has taken place in Canada, where the programme is vast, the conditions arduous, and the competition severe. Over the past two or three years an increasing number of British contractors have opened up in Canada. Last year's figures reflect this and the extent to which British contractors are beginning to get the feel of that market. Whilst the contribution is still modest in relation to the total value of works being executed there are many features which excite comment.

At Amnis Island, near Vancouver, British contractors working in association with British capital are engaged on the largest industrial estate development scheme in the world, likely to involve a capital investment on building construction of something like £80,000,000 in the next 20 to 30 years.

London. Soviet scientists have discovered a method of obtaining rhodium from copper ores, Moscow radio said recently.

Rhodium is a very rare and valuable metallo element which produces extremely hard alloys. It is mostly found in molybdenum ores. United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Week's Survey Of The American Economy

US Business: A Gloomy Picture

Stock Prices Take A Tumble

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 19. The business picture in the United States continued cloudy and generally gloomy this past week as the year-end approached.

Stock prices tumbled. Steel production moved to new lows. Retail sales lagged. Layoffs and production cutbacks were more frequent. The work-week shortened. And Americans now find they have less money to spend than in a long time.

On top of the bearish economic news, there was considerable underlying apprehension over the cool reception being given to American proposals at the Paris conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The blend of unfavourable international and domestic news combined to move stock prices toward the year lows. The Dow-Jones Industrial average 1956 1/2 points, spread about evenly over Monday and Tuesday, bringing the average at Tuesday's close, to 423.25, within hailing distance of the low of 416.17 on October 10.

Wednesday's price improved only fractionally.

Almost every major industrial group declined in the sell-off. Motors hit new lows. Cotton, textiles also plummeted, experiencing their biggest losses in more than a year, with cotton, rubber, cotton and gains the hardest hit. Steels and non-ferrous metals were also under pressure.

CONTRACT

In Persia British contractors were given a contract for the supervision and management of the country's road-modernisation programme to be carried out over eight years at a cost of £30,000,000. Other British contractors are constructing an oil pipeline there over three hundred miles.

In Kuwait a large contract for the extension of the oil refinery has been awarded to another British company. Work has also started on the New Auckland Bridge in New Zealand, where a joint venture of two British companies was successful, while two other British companies are among the four companies working on New Zealand's first Geothermal Power Station at Waikite.

It is impossible in this article to do justice to the many projects which are deserving of better treatment or to make even brief reference to the majority of the countries or countries where British contractors are interested.

Matching the effort made by contractors the post-war period has seen a striking advance in the range and capacity of earth-moving and construction machinery manufactured in the United Kingdom. To an ever-increasing extent contractors are able to satisfy their requirements from among the range of machines manufactured in Britain and, by their use of contracts overseas, have helped British manufacturers to establish themselves in many new markets.

Other British interests in such industries as electrical manufacturing, engineering, iron and steel, and building materials, also derive benefit from the efforts of British contractors.

It is in this way that British contractors act as the spearhead and advance the interests of British exporters. Manchester Guardian Survey of Industry, Trade and Finance, 1957.

SOVIET DISCOVERY

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Dec. 22. Markets have had a quiet week but the trend has been obvious—people have been prudently turning some of their assets into cash, just in case, a real recession develops. Selling of first-class industrials has been persistent without ever achieving a sensational volume.

The Financial Times Index of industrialists has slid down this past week from 188.8 on Monday to 184.8 on Friday; a month ago it stood at 174.2 and earlier it was at its 1957 peak of 207.6. Since the 7 per cent bank rate emerged it has lost 27.4 points.

There seems to be a rising uneasiness about the near-future of the United States. New York's famous "Dow Average" of industrial shares closed last week at 427.20, only some 7 points above its 1957 peak of 419.10. Twice in the month the Dow Index has tumbled 7 points in a single day and presumably it can do it again.

If it "breaks through" that earlier low level, stock markets both here and in New York will anticipate a still heavier fall.

The business of turning good assets into cash caused Unilever to fall 3/8, Röla Royal 2/8 and dozens of high-graders between 1 and 2 shillings.

Hudson's Bay contributed last week startling figures to the history of this difficult period.

This past week it fell 6/8 but its fall since September 18—the day before the bank rate was lifted—had been 8/8. It closed yesterday at 417.00, only 27 above its 1957 low.

Some experts forecast that about 6,000,000 Americans will be jobless early next year. About 320,000,000 were unemployed as of last month. Defence spending and perhaps higher federal and municipal expenditures might help alleviate unemployment, however.

Secretary of Labour, James F. Mitchell, said last week that 1958 would be a "good year" for the working man but he cautioned, unemployment and strikes probably would increase.

He looks for an upturn in the middle of 1958 and said he does not think the situation at this point warrants any large-scale public works programmes, despite his expectations that unemployment will rise more than seasonally in the first half of 1958.

The failure of the market to generate and support in the 420-430 range suggested to many observers that a further testing of the 1957 lows may be in the offing.

There was no end of bad news this past week. Thousands of workers in the steel, television, railroad and other industries were furloughed. Steel production this past week was scheduled at 67.8 per cent of capacity, lowest in two years. Steel operations are down 10 per cent from the levels of six weeks ago and even in the big steel district of Pittsburgh, where heavy demand for construction steel has kept the operating rate higher than the general average, the drop has been sharp.

Operations there will slump 10.3 per cent compared with 80.2 per cent last week, and 80.9 per cent a month ago.

Total Production

It now looks that total year-end production will be around 113,000,000 tons, below the 155,000,000 tons turned out in 1956. Most of the increase under 1956's tonne industry leaders hoped for earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the steel workers' strike shrinks and industry leaders are becoming increasingly divided as to when the long-haul pickup will come. The vital auto industry, biggest user of steel, continues to trim its orders and other steel users are keeping inventories at or close to only working levels.

Meanwhile, the auto industry, while stepping up production almost by the week, is beset with the problem of selling some 510,000 unsold cars still in dealers' hands. As of November 1, unsold stocks totalled 449,000. While most industry leaders are confident they can sell most of this stock soon, many have doubts about ability to move the 1958 models.

There has been some enthusiasm for the new cars, but sales have not been as good as many had hoped for. With used cars' prices reported off up to over 20 per cent from year-ago, used-car trade-in allowances are getting smaller.

The firm tends to cut down the market and appeal for new cars. Many expect that pressure will mount from here on for 15 per cent. United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$197,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS	833	270	
Bank Asia	270		
INSURANCES	74	70	300 6 75
Union	74	70	300 6 75
Lombard	324	70	300 6 75
SHIPPING	645	650 6 615	
Wheelock	645	650 6 615	
DOCKS, ETC.	116		
HK Hotel	14.00	15	200 6 14.00
HK Land	321	100 6 12.50	100 6 12.50
Realty	1,325	120	200 6 12.50
Rubber	1,225	120	200 6 12.50
Amalg	1,225	120	200 6 12.50
Trust	1,225	120	200 6 12.50
UTILITIES	216		
Hier Ferry	123	100 6 22.00	
Yatman	94	95	200 6 24.00
C. Light	17.10	17.20	200 6 17.20
Electric	23.16	23.70	200 6 23.40
Tel.	23.16	23.70	200 6 23.00
INDUSTRIALS	25.00		
Dairy	15.70	16	500 6 15.50
Cotton	11.50		500 6 15.70
INVESTMENTS	4.40		
HK & FE	9.05		

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 5.00

Sterling notes (per £1) 15.40

Australian notes (per £1) 13.00

Swiss franc (per £1) 28.40

Singapore (Straits) 1.01

WILLING TO INVEST IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 22. The London Tin Corporation would invest more capital in the Malayan tin industry if the Government would give more land, the Corporation's Chairman, Mr. Ivan Spens, said here yesterday.

Mr. Spens, who is touring Malaya with a director, Lord Collyton, former Minister of State for the Colonies, said that the Corporation had every confidence in the future of independent Malaya.

He said: "We are very impressed by the way the Government is running this country, and we think there is a bright future."

"We have the capital, and are prepared to invest it here.

"We would like to open more mines in Malaya if the Government is prepared to give us more new land."—Reuters.

Short

The second boom-puncturing report last week indicated that Americans may be running short of spending money. Personal income during November—the latest available—fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 345,000,000,000 dollars, a drop of 500 million from October. It hit a record high of 340,000,000,000 in August and has been declining since.

The drop in personal income did not give the whole picture, either. The Commerce Department said the drop would have been greater except for the reduction in the number of unemployed. Jobless pay claims rose 66,000 to 390,000 during the first week of December, mainly due to seasonal curtailments and furloughs in machinery and metals industries.

It now appears that housing starts, 10 per cent below the 1,000,000 predicted by industry leaders earlier this year. Many are hopeful, however, that the government's earlier money policy, bringing with it lower interest rates, will help the industry a great deal.

Economists and businessmen meanwhile expect a assessment of 1958. While most economists predicted a downturn over the next six months many felt there would be a pickup over the second half of the year.

Many stressed basic sources of strength in the economy, such as strong demand for goods and services, expectations of increased government spending on defence and missiles and a relatively good rate of personal earnings.

Consumer prices have dropped over the past year or so from the 100-year high of 40 cents a pound to about the current 27 cents a pound. Total production cutbacks will plan to reduce production early next year by 1,500 tons monthly.

Agreed Merchant Rates

Swiss France: Maximum selling 70%.

Faltering

Faltering tendencies in old crop months reflected in technical realising following the recent rise to seasonal high.

2. Hail: selling in anticipations of further large sales out of the government surplus stock.

3. The slowdown in textile market activity.

4. More favourable weather for the completion of harvesting and ginning.

New crop deliveries ruled and responsive to small orders either by cash or by forward contracts when Congress meets in January.

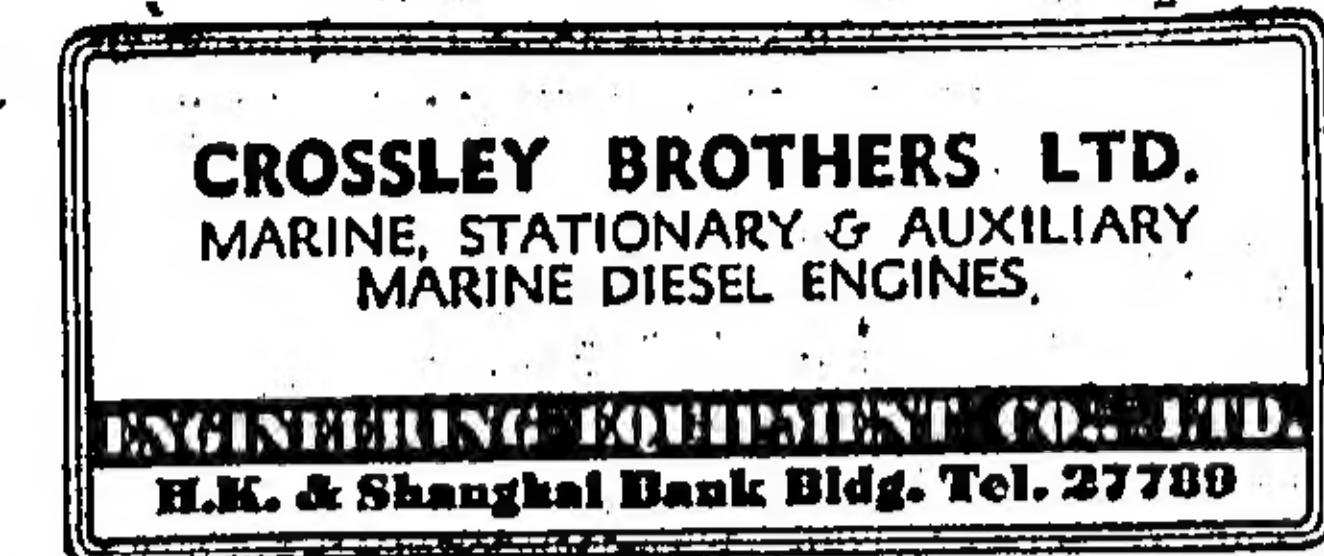
5. The expectation of an early administration announcement on the support rate for the new crop.

However, market experts reasoned the ultimate loan on the new crop may hinge on how rapidly and what measures are taken upon in formulating a new support programme.

In any event, the legislative situation is expected to become an increasingly critical factor in shaping the price trend early in the new year.

The Commodity Credit Corporation announced the sale of \$70,978 bales of its cotton stock for unrestricted use on bids opened Dec. 16. Next opening of bids is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14.

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Investigator's Body Found In Lake

UNION PROBE MYSTERY

Anti-Pest Campaign In Peking

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Peking has started a war against obnoxious insects.

The New China News Agency said today 50,000 Red Cross volunteers turned out on Sunday in a big publicity drive to wipe out flies, mosquitoes and other pests.

DISPLAYED

Secondary school girls posted themselves in groups in "conspicuous" places in Peking's busy quarters and displayed pictures, charts and diagrams describing the harm caused by the "four pests" — flies, mosquitoes, mice and grain-eating sparrows."

They explained through loud speakers the "best way in locating and wiping out the pests and their breeding grounds."

They hammered, on the theme, "killing a couple of flies now may be equivalent to killing several millions in the summer." —United Press.

Doctor Dies

Dr. Iain Bergius, of Messrs. Anderson and Partners, died this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his widow and three children.

A funeral service will be held at Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 3 p.m. tomorrow, followed by interment at the Colonial Cemetery.

Detroit, Dec. 22. The body of the chief investigator of the still unsolved shooting of United Auto Workers chief Walter Reuther was found by a Sunday stroller today floating on ice-cold Lake St Clair about four blocks from the lake-front home from which he disappeared a week ago.

Ralph Winstead, 64, was last seen alive only a few hours before he was to have testified in a \$4,500,000 malicious prosecution suit against the UAW and police in connection with the investigation of the shootings of Reuther and his brother, Victor Reuther, in 1948 and 1949.

When Winstead disappeared, UAW officials said he could have been the victim of foul play. Police said today the cause of death would be listed as accidental until the results of a post mortem investigation were known.

Autopsy

An autopsy indicated Winstead died of "asphyxiation due to drowning." Dr. Raymond Markle, Macomb County Coroner, said the results were final pending a chemical analysis of the stomach contents. The analysis was necessary, he said, to determine if Winstead might have possibly taken or been given a drug.

Markle said the body had been in the water "for several days," but there were no outer indications of violence and the autopsy indicated the death was "accidental."

Tiger Hunt

Kunni, Dec. 22. Parties from three villages near this eastern Malaya town are hunting a tiger which had killed 18 cows. —Reuter.

DIRECTORATE

"Other countries would then be faced with a Russian-American dictatorship which would end our country's independence," Pineau said. He added that there could be no question of agreeing to banning atomic tests without demanding the destruction of existing stocks of atomic bombs.

Pineau stressed that an agreement on disarmament presupposed the organisation of free control, suppression of the iron curtain and free communication between peoples. France had asked for another Foreign Ministers' meeting, he said, but this "should not prevent us from organising independent French defence," he added. —France Presse.

Appellant is represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. G. Hampton of Messrs. Handlings and Co.

DOCKYARD

NORMAL

The respondent is Lau Mow-jing, married woman, of 5A Caine Road. Appearing on her behalf is Mr. Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan, of Messrs. Lau, Chan and Co.

The Full Court comprises the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice M. J. Hogan, and the Pulse Judge, Mr. Justice C. W. Recco.

Grounds

Two Girls Sentenced to Death

Algiers, Dec. 22. Two Moslem girls aged 16 and 20 were sentenced to death here today for helping to plant time bombs which killed 10 people and injured 45 in two Algiers football stadiums last February 10.

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Boulein and Ballemine have since been tried and guillotined. —Reuter.

Resettlement Estates Welcome Governor

By a China Mail Reporter

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, spent several hours this morning on a farewell tour of the Government Resettlement Estates in Kowloon and showed great personal interest in the welfare of the thousands who had been resettled.

Everywhere Sir Alexander went, he was greeted with a boisterous welcome by the inhabitants of the estates. Sir Alexander was surrounded by children who expressed spontaneous and genuine pleasure at seeing the Governor, who has done so much for them.

Sir Alexander, disdaining formality, shook the hands of many of the humblest citizens.

At the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement District the Governor was stopped by an old man who showed his fondness and respect for His Excellency by making a presentation of a scroll and a set of Chinese books.

Sir Alexander visited the rooftop clubs and schools, in the resettlement district. At the Norwegian Missionary Society School the children presented the Governor with an album, containing photographs of the progress of the clubs.

Before concluding his tour, the Governor visited the ancient tomb at Li Cheng Uk Village.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your mother insisted on that car we got you so you wouldn't be late for school — now you're telling me you're tardy because you can't find a parking place?"

A FAIRY TALE?

THE HERRING GULL WITH A SECRET!

Southampton, Dec. 23. Gertie, the herring gull with a secret, is today flying somewhere over the Atlantic — wearing a gold engagement ring.

She left Southampton yesterday as mysteriously as she had arrived a few days earlier.

Gertie was found exhausted, staggering along a busy road.

Too tired to resist arrest, she was taken to a Blue Cross animal shelter where Bert Butler, the superintendent, discovered engagement ring on one leg.

NINE CARAT

It was of nine carat gold with three amethysts in an elaborate setting. A fourth stone was missing.

Mr. Butler said the ring was very thin and had obviously been on the bird's leg a long time.

It was unlikely, he added, that anyone would have put it there. The bird had possibly slipped the ring over her leg while foraging at a holiday resort.

But this did not explain how the ring had got over Gertie's large webbed foot.

A PRINCESS?

Yesterday, Mr. Butler decided that Gertie had recovered sufficiently to be released.

She wheeled over the animal shelter a few times, crying plaintively, then made for the sea.

Mr. Butler told reporters: "I think she'll be back. She was so friendly she was almost human." Children who gave Gertie a big meal of herrings before she left believe she was a princess turned into a bird by a wicked fairy.

And today no adult in Southampton could think of a better theory. —China Mail Special.

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Grounds

Mr. Chen said that the ground of appeal was that the Trial Judge misdirected himself by holding that the requirements of the Statute of Fraud, section 4, had been satisfied.

Counsel argued that the letter of January 4, 1957, was not a sufficient guarantee under section 4 of that Statute, as on a true construction of the letter there was no promise to pay. Hearing is continuing.

He said 90 per cent of children under 15 years had received a substantial degree of protection. More than 2,500,000 Australians had either begun or completed immunisation courses.

In the past 12 months only 138 cases had been notified, whereas according to the pattern of recent years it could have been between 1,000 and 2,000. —Reuter.

Kumiko Okawara, 23, 6-chome, Asagaya, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Office girl (23), wishes to correspond in English, photographs of Hongkong.

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